

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION

FIRE (24)

MISSION

The mission of the Fire Department is to provide the citizens of the City of Detroit with a world class Fire Department capable of protecting life and property through the efficient use of emergency, fire and rescue response resources. The Fire Department will afford pre-hospital medical service and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to fire prevention and suppression, as well as maintain a high state of emergency management preparedness through continued and sustained planning and training.

DESCRIPTION

The Fire Department is responsible for fire prevention and safety, to investigate the causes and origins of fires and prosecute perpetrators of arson, and for providing emergency transportation to a hospital for the sick and injured.

Headed by the Fire Commissioner, the Fire Department has a budgeted strength of some 1,800 employees. These employees are assigned to eleven (11) divisions. The Department operates and maintains fifty-two (52) facilities throughout the City, including units at the Detroit City Airport and a fireboat, which is stationed at a facility on the Detroit River, west of the downtown area.

CORE SERVICES

The Department is continuing to develop and implement activities and programs to enhance operational effectiveness while fulfilling the core services in the area of Public Safety.

Fire Suppression: Fire rescue, smoke detector installation, home fire safety inspection and evacuation plans. Other related programs to include: Haz Mat, Rapid Intervention Techniques, High Angle Suppression, Confined Space Rescue, Tactical Fire Response and Special Operations.

Medical Response: Advance Life Support, Mass Casualty, Pediatric Response, Fire Medical First Responders, First Aid and CPR Training Programs.

Fire Prevention Education and Awareness: Fire Cadet Programs, Fire Prevention Surveys, Smoke Detector and Fire Extinguishers, Alarms and Fire Code Enforcement.

Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response: Emergency Operation Exercises, Respond to Terrorists Attacks, Respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents and Mass Casualty Response.

Community Outreach: Open House events at Fire Stations, Media Relations programs and Town Hall Meetings throughout the community.

Neighborhood Stabilization: The Arson Awareness Program has expanded to include investigating all fires that are determined to be caused by “children with matches”, and recommending assistance from various agencies that offer training and/or programs to rehabilitate.

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MAJOR INITIATIVES

Improve early warning detection for the citizens of Detroit by installing photoelectric smoke detectors with lithium batteries that have a ten (10) year life expectancy.

Establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to enhance the relationship of each fire station and their surrounding community, by addressing specific needs relative to the differences in each community; participating in community programs; acknowledging student achievement, and increasing health and fire safety awareness.

Developed a computer based (Intranet) in service training for State mandated training; critiquing exercises; review of technical skills, processes and procedures designed to provide on duty training for fire personnel. In addition, this system will be customized to hazards and occupants within each fire district.

Develop a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide training in emergency preparedness to communities with emergency responders. As a result, the City of Detroit will be recognized and registered as a Disaster Resistant Community with FEMA.

Instituted a program that requires owners of vehicles that are determined to be “suspicious fires”, be interviewed by an Arson Investigator prior to collection of any funds resulting from insurance claims. Also to continue to reinforce the Arson Vehicle Fire Task Force efforts.

Revised current billing procedures to expedite and insure City revenues.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

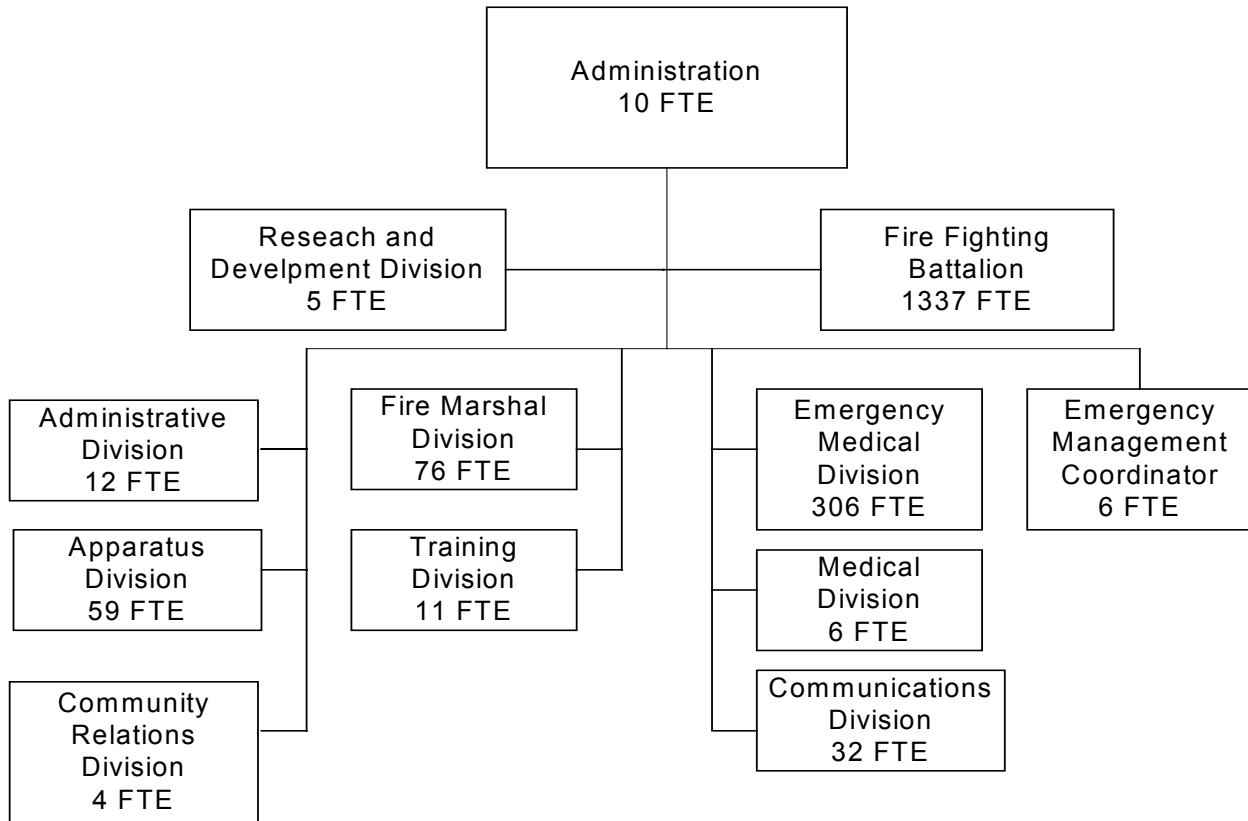
Implement a systematic single and two-family dwelling inspection program to provide fire safety and prevention training, and fire evacuation plans aimed at reducing the high rate of fatalities in residential occupancies.

Implement a medical component of river patrol to assist with rescue and provide medical treatment and support.

Assign a tactical medical support team to provide medical surveillance at barricaded gunman scenes, mass civil disturbances, and bomb threats.

Continue to take proactive steps toward coordinating emergency disasters within the City of Detroit.

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PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND TARGETS

Goals: Measures	1999-00 Actual	2000-01 Projection	2001-02 Target
Increase customer services by continuously reviewing and assessing customer needs and providing a consistent high quality of service: Block clubs/parent-teacher safety Presentations	14	41	56
Increase revenue by identifying and implementing new and appropriate sources of Fire Department income: % billing collections - Licenses/Permits	87%	88%	90%
Enhance employee development by upgrading Fire/EMS service training and educational opportunities: Number of special training sessions held Number of basic skills training sessions held	48 2	92 2	71 2

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EXPENDITURES

	1999-00 Actual Expense	2000-01 Redbook	2001-02 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Salary & Wages	\$ 82,219,462	\$ 90,021,343	\$ 92,802,517	\$ 2,781,174	3%
Employee Benefits	40,542,861	43,108,805	40,493,617	(2,615,188)	-6%
Prof/Contractual	1,618,685	2,386,664	2,557,873	171,209	7%
Operating Supplies	6,804,521	6,827,072	7,076,171	249,099	4%
Operating Services	7,166,877	5,193,439	5,744,111	550,672	11%
Capital Equipment	4,749,973	4,619,986	772,518	(3,847,468)	-83%
Capital Outlays	35,968	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	0%
Fixed Charges	473,030	-	-	-	0%
Other Expenses	138,941	51,223	1,734,159	1,682,936	3286%
TOTAL	\$ 143,750,318	\$154,208,532	\$ 153,180,966	\$ (1,027,566)	-1%
POSITIONS	1,816	1,863	1,864	1	0%

REVENUES

	1999-00 Actual Revenue	2000-01 Redbook	2001-02 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Licenses/Permits	\$ 897,652	\$ 1,323,200	\$ 1,223,200	\$ (100,000)	-8%
Rev from Use of Assets	33,278	-	-	-	0%
Fines/Forfeits	40,000	-	-	-	0%
Sales & Charges	6,596,010	5,886,720	5,878,560	(8,160)	0%
Sales of Assets	3,015,878	10,500	12,500	2,000	19%
Contrib/Transfers	1,000,000	-	-	-	0%
Miscellaneous	4,615,199	2,139,117	3,641,217	1,502,100	70%
TOTAL	\$ 16,198,017	\$ 9,359,537	\$ 10,755,477	\$ 1,395,940	15%